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Perry's Catalogue

Select Strawberry Plants

Blueberry Plan'ts

Sweet Potato Plants

Asparagus and Rhubarb Roots



BASIL PERRY

GEORGETOWN :: DELAWARE

Description of Varieties

PREMIER (Early) — Introduced more than twenty-five years ago. Every strawberry grower has heard of Premier for it is largely planted in almost all sections, and by almost all strawberry growers. It is one of the best and most popular varieties ever introduced and claimed by many to be without an equal for any purpose. It is a great success in almost all sections and on any soil. The plants are good growers, large and heavy-rooted. It ripens with the earliest, is very productive, the fruit is large and of delicious flavor, firm, a good keeper, ships well and sells for good prices. Many claim it is the most profitable variety they have ever grown. If you want a good early variety that is not easily killed by frost, and one that bears through a long season you will make no mistake in planting Premier. On all soils and under all conditions I do not believe any of the newer varieties of the same season are as good as Premier.

HOWARD 17. — This berry is exactly the same as Premier.

DORSETT (Early) — its bright red color and rich, delicious flavor always bring top market prices. Ripening early, with Premier, this variety rapidly came to the top in favor, and is well known and widely planted in all Strawberry sections of the United States. In this latitude it does exceptionally well.

FAIRFAX (Early) — The quality berry. A favorite in quality and productiveness. Originated and introduced with Dorsett, now widely known and planted. The berries are exceptionally large all through the fruiting season, and very firm. Plant Fairfax for its superb flavor, large size and universal demand.

BIG JOE (Midseason) — One of the most popular shipping berries on nearly all large markets. It is a strong grower, making plenty of plants for a good fruiting bed. The berries are large, bright red and have large, light green caps, which makes the berries very attractive and adds to the selling price. The quality is good and the berries are quite firm. It is a good shipper and equally good for fancy local market purposes. One of the most productive.

CATSKILL (Midseason to Late) — A Sure Cropper. The largest, most productive, and most profitable mid-season berry.

Was originated by the New York Exp. Station where it has been grown for several years and is highly recommended for its size, yield and attractiveness. Catskill is a cross of Marshall and Premier and must take its fruiting abilities after Premier for it is a heavy producer and in tests made has even outyielded that variety and seems to be second to none in yield under normal conditions. The berries are large in size, bright red in color with a bright green cap that makes an attractive appearance and of excellent quality and flavor. The plant growth is unusually vigorous with long fibrous roots that penetrate deep into the soil making them drouth resistant. The foliage is healthy and vigorous, makes plants freely.

NEW YORK (Midseason) — This is the sweetest strawberry grown. The plant is a vigorous grower, producing a moderate number of large, healthy plants. The berries are medium to large in size, dark red in color, but only moderately firm in texture. New York is a home garden berry. It is the only strawberry we know of that is sweet before it gets red. We have many calls for New York from those whose health does not permit them to eat berries which are in any way tart or acid in quality.

CORSICAN — This berry is exactly the same as New York.

RED STAR (Very Late) — A new extremely late variety, originated by Dr. George Darrow of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Very large, firm, bright red berries, with good flavor. Vigorous grower, very productive. Red Star is recommended for all the northern States, and as far south as Virginia and west to Missouri. Red Star is really a great addition to the Strawberry variety list, filling a definite need for an extra late variety of very high quality.

OUR PLANTS ARE STATE INSPECTED AND FOUND FREE FROM DISEASE

BLUEBERRY PLANTS

The large cultivated Blueberry seemingly has unlimited possibilities as a fresh fruit or a canned berry. They have a place in every farm and home garden lot. We list below the best of the present day varieties.

Blueberries require an acid soil containing an abundance of peat or other partially rotted vegetable matter. They need a moderate supply of soil moisture, and good drainage.

Where natural blueberry soil is not available ideal conditions can be created by mixing with the surface soil a liberal quantity of peat moss or partially rotted leaves or sawdust or chip dirt from an old woodpile.

Our Bearing-Ago Blueberry Plants usually bear some berries the first year planted. They last a lifetime. Plant two or more different varieties for pollination. Plant 4 feet apart in rows 6 to 8 feet apart.

CABOT (Early, Low Bush). Bush is rather low and spreading, seldom reaching a height of four feet. One of earliest varieties, with firm fruit.

CONCORD (Midseason Beauty). Upright bush often exceeds six feet at maturity. Young growth has beautiful red wood. Medium berries of excellent flavor. Productiveness favored by many experienced growers.

RANCOCAS (Dependable Midseason). Medium berries ripen about two weeks after Cabot. Bush is tall, vigorous and attractive. Excellent shipper liked for its dependable productiveness.

JERSEY (Ideal Late Variety). Large, light blue berries of best shipping quality. Vigorous fine bush with excellent cold resistance. Erect, productive, beautiful foliage.

RUBEL (Widely Planted Late). Bush is upright, very vigorous, hardy and productive. Medium fruit, light blue, very firm, ships well. Rubel is well liked because of its productiveness, firmness and desirable growth characteristics.

Two year 12 to 18 inches \$1.75 each; 10 for \$13.00. Postpaid.

By Express purchaser to pay charges. 50 for \$50.00; 100 for \$90.00.

Three year 18 to 24 inches \$2.65 each; 10 for \$20.00. Postpaid.

By Express, purchaser to pay charges. 50 for \$75.00; 100 for \$135.00.

ASPARAGUS ROOTS

MARY WASHINGTON. (The Best Variety). This is the best of the rust resistant strains and is the most widely used variety for home and market. The shoots are larger and grow more rapidly than other kinds. The stalks are very thick, and of an attractive deep green color with purple tops. Even the largest and thickest shoots of this variety are tender and delicious.

One year old Roots: 25 for \$1.40; 50 for \$2.25; 100 for \$3.60. Postpaid.

By Parcel Post or Express, purchaser to pay charges. 250 for \$6.80; 500 for \$10.00; 1000 for \$17.00.

Two year old Roots. 25 for \$2.00; 50 for \$3.50; 100 for \$5.60. Postpaid.

By Parcel Post or Express, purchaser to pay charges. 250 for \$10.00; 500 for \$16.00; 1000 for \$27.00.

RHUBARB ROOTS

NEW MacDONALD RED RHUBARB. Here is a new very high quality, highly colored attractive bright red Rhubarb of large size stalk, very tender and succulent. Particularly valuable for pies and deserts. MacDonald requires less sugar for cooking than any of the old standard varieties. Plant some of this splendid Rhubarb this year. It yields heavily and lasts a lifetime. When once you have tried MacDonald you will try no other. Price, strong divisions, 50c each; 5 for \$2.25; 25 for \$10.00. Postpaid.

BASIL PERRY, Georgetown, Delaware

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GROWER OF

TRUE TO NAME STRAWBERRY PLANTS

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GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE

Dear Friends and Patrons:—

I am writing you in reference to your orders for Strawberry Plants as I have 500,000 of them grown on land that is especially adapted for producing large size, well rooted disease free plants. My plants are properly fertilized and cultivated under the best methods for producing best quality Strawberry Plants, they are State Certified and 100 per cent true to name. You cannot get any better plants no matter where you get them.

I have had forty years experience in growing and shipping plants, I give your orders my prompt and personal attention in regards to the growing, digging, packing shipping, etc., assuring you the most efficient service. The plants are put in proper shape and tied in bundles of 26 plants each correctly labeled and packed in light baskets and crates with plenty of damp moss so they will reach you in perfect condition for planting and producing a very large crop of fine Strawberries.

I also have a supply of Blueberry Plants, Asparagus and Rhubarb Roots that are nice too and can promptly fill your orders and give you good satisfaction.

If you care to favor me with a share or all of your patronage I assure you that it will be a pleasure for me to serve you and I believe you will be pleased with the results from my plants. I will certainly do my best to please you.

Sincerely yours,

BASIL PERRY

THE STRAWBERRY MAN

of Georgetown, Delaware

WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS TELL US

ALBERT R. ADAMS OF PA.—Writes, my order for 1500 Strawberry Plants arrived yesterday in fine condition. They are the finest ones I have ever seen around here.

MARY R. HEWITT OF NEW JERSEY—Writes, we think your plants and berries are the best that we ever had.

MR. EMILE CAMPAGNA OF VERMONT—Writes, Please send me 500 more plants of Howard 17 or Premier. I just received 200 plants from you and they were so nice that I would like to have 500 more.

MRS. CHARLOTTE FROOME OF NEW YORK—Writes, Strawberry Plants arrived in fine condition and they are sturdy plants. Thank you.

C. S. DOWNING OF MAINE—Writes, Received Strawberry Plants O. K.

S. C. SCOTT OF PA.—Writes, Strawberry Plants were received in fine condition. I have never bought better looking plants and I have bought a lot of them. Thanks very much for sending them out so promptly.

HOWARD M. CASE OF NEW YORK—Writes, Received the Strawberry Plants from you in fine shape. They are growing grand and away ahead of others I have seen which were bought around here. Never lost one plant and am very much pleased.

GEORGE E. TYLER OF MASS.—Writes, I have had good success with your plants.

MRS. MADELEINE COONS OF CONN.—Writes, your plants are the best that we have ever grown.

MISS MARY VOGEL OF OHIO—Writes, We bought Strawberry Plants from you two years ago and they were fine.

F. W. AYERS OF NEW YORK—Writes, your plants have always done well for me

Fall or Everbearing Strawberries

Everbearing strawberries have long since ceased to be just a novelty and have an accepted place in berry growing. They bear two crops each year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Everbearers will fruit the fall of the year they are set. Keep the blossoms cut off until about July 10 and you can enjoy luscious berries from August until the snow flies. Removing the early blossoms gives the plants a chance to make a vigorous growth before fruiting, resulting in more and larger berries in the fall.

GEM (Everbearing) — One of the best Everbearers. Large, glossy, bright red, attractive berries whose very appearance sells them for top prices. Smooth and uniform in shape. Good quality. Slightly tart. A heavy yielder and prolific plant maker.

MASTODON (Everbearing) — Mastodon is the most popular and widely grown Everbearer. It does well in all the northern and middle states, also as far south as North Carolina and Tennessee.

Mastodon makes a very vigorous healthy plant growth, with strong robust individual plants. This may partly explain its ability to come through under tough conditions. Other varieties may be better or poorer under varying conditions, but Mastodon almost never lets you down entirely.

It bears from late summer until freezing weather. The heavy foliage often protects the berries so that they continue until long after the first frosts have come.

Mastodon is a fine midseason berry for the spring season, entirely apart from its summer and fall crop. This makes Mastodon a safe variety to plant.

The berries from either crop are large, bright red, of good quality and firm enough for local or nearby markets.

GEMZATA (Everbearing) — A new everbearing strawberry that challenges the Mastodon and Gem. Developed from a cross of the Gem and Wayzata it is a triumph in Strawberry plant breeding. It is a vigorous grower, foliage being resistant to leaf spot. The fruit resembles Gem but averages larger. It is firm and very high in quality. It seems to adapt itself to a wide range of soils and is very productive, setting berries almost constantly during the summer and fall months. It is truly a fine Everbearing berry and we recommend it for trial.

STREAMLINER (Everbearing) — A new Everbearer that has everything! Enormous size, beautiful coloring, good flavor, excellent shipping qualities and a good producer. It is claimed to be the largest berry of all the Everbearers; berries are almost round, glistening scarlet color. No green tips, for it ripens into a beautiful rich red all at one time. Its firm qualities make this an excellent shipper. A wonderful variety for canning, and excellent for freezing. Bears 60 to 90 days after planting, and a fine crop the following June. A sturdy plant with luxurious green foliage.

EVERMORE (Minnesota No. 1166) (Everbearing) — This is a very recent introduction in Everbearing strawberries. Many of those who have tried it, state they prefer this variety to any Everbearer introduced to date. It also bears 60 to 90 days after planting—berries all summer and fall, followed by a fine crop the following June. Plants are hardy, and produces runners freely. Berries are large, long and pointed—in appearance it looks like the Missionary berry that is so well known in the South. Berries are dark in color and perfectly red clear through—no green tips. Fruit is firm and very sweet.

BRUNES MARVEL (Everbearing) — This is another new variety of everbearing Strawberry that differs from all others in this way: For you folks who cannot eat other varieties of Strawberries, can eat this one. No acid, and about all sugar. This variety will not cause a rash like others do on some folks. It's really so sweet that no sugar is needed. Mild and smooth. Seeds are so small that they are hardly noticed. Berries large, bright red, and bears 60 days after set, and is still at it when it commences to snow.

OUR PLANTS ARE TRUE TO NAME

Price List of Strawberry Plants

	By Parcel Post Prepaid				By Parcel Post or Express Purchaser to pay charges	
	25 Plants	50 Plants	100 Plants	200 Plants	500 Plants	1000 Plants
PREMIER	\$1.00	\$1.75	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$8.50	\$15.00
HOWARD 17	1.00	1.75	3.00	5.00	8.50	15.00
CATSKILL	1.00	1.75	3.00	5.00	8.50	15.00
BIG JOE	1.00	1.75	3.00	5.00	8.50	15.00
FAIRFAX	1.00	1.75	3.00	5.00	8.50	15.00
NEW YORK or CORSICAN	1.00	1.75	3.00	5.00	8.50	15.00
DORSETT	1.00	1.75	3.00	5.00	8.50	15.00
RED STAR	1.00	1.75	3.00	5.00	8.50	15.00
MASTODON (Everbearing)	1.50	2.50	4.00	8.00	15.00	25.00
GEM (Everbearing)	1.50	2.50	4.00	8.00	15.00	25.00
GEMZATA (Everbearing)	1.50	2.50	4.00	8.00	15.00	25.00
STREAMLINER (Everbearing)	1.50	2.50	4.00	8.00	15.00	25.00
BRUNES MARVEL (Everbearing)	1.50	2.50	4.00	8.00		
EVERMORE (Minnesota No. 1166) (Everbearing)	1.50	2.50	4.00	8.00	15.00	25.00

MY STRAWBERRY PLANTS

Are always grown in new beds,
Are fresh dug at time of shipment,
Are planted in blocks and kept pure,
Are sold at as low a price as we can name,
And furnish good plants.

Sweet Potato Plants

YELLOW JERSEY — A heavy yielder of well shaped yellowish gold color. Potatoes that are good dry and mealy when cooked.

NANCY HALL — An old favorite of uniform excellence, yellow skin, meat, sweet and of amber yellow color.

PORTO RICO YAMS — A very popular variety. Deep orange flesh. Sweet mellow and of fine flavor.

Price either variety—\$1.50 per 100; 200 for \$2.50; 500 for \$4.50; 1000 for \$3.00. Postpaid

Terms—Payment must be made before shipment. If not convenient to remit entire amount when order is sent remit not less than one-fourth of the amount of the order, and your order will be booked and held for you and you can remit the remainder when convenient, before shipment.

Our Prices—We think our prices are as low as any reliable grower can offer the same grade of goods. Some may offer lower prices, but the best plants are always the cheapest in the end. Try ours.

Our Stock is equal to any grown, and you may always rely on getting it fresh and full of life, and as our soil is especially adapted to the growing of plants, we send out as fine roots as any on the market.

STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Nursery Certificate

Dover, Del., Sept. 5, 1947

This certifies that in accordance with Chapter 21, Article 1, Sections 1 to 16 inclusive, Revised Code of Delaware, 1935, the nursery Stock of Basil Perry of Georgetown, Sussex County, Delaware, has been examined and is apparently free from dangerous, injurious insects and diseases. The above Company certifies that the nursery stock contained in this shipment was taken from the stock which passed inspection.

This Certificate may be revoked by the State Board of Agriculture for cause, and it is valid until so revoked. — John L. Webb, Inspector.

Our plants are certified. A copy of our State Certificate accompanies every shipment.